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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: SEVILLA SACASA PROTESTS.

1. NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TODMAN ON APRIL 11. HE RAISED TWO MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE GON: (1) THE DEPARTMENT'S RECENT STATEMENT ON NICARAGUA BEFORE REPRESENTATIVE LONG'S SUBCOMMITTEE AND (2) CONGRESSIONAL MOVES, SPECIFICALLY THE BADILLO AMENDMENT, TO PLACE HUMAN RIGHTS RESTRICTIONS ON THE LENDING POLICIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

2. ON THE FIRST ISSUE, SEVILLA SACASA EXPRESSED PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S DISAPPOINTMENT AND SURPRISE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT BEFORE REPRESENTATIVE LONG'S SUBCOMMITTEE. SEVILLA SACASA OBJECTED TO THE "HARSH" LANGUAGE OF THE STATEMENT AND ITS "NEGATIVE" ?ONE.

3. ON THE SECOND ISSUE, SEVILLA SACASA EXPRESSED HIS
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GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE BADILLO AMENDMENT WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON APRIL 6 (COPY BEING POUCHED). SEVILLA SACASA PREDICTED GRAVE REPERCUSSIONS ALL OVER LATIN AMERICA IF THIS AMENDMENT IS PASSED BY THE FULL CONGRESS.

4. AMBASSADOR TODMAN ASKED SEVILLA SACASA WHEN THE GON

PLANNED TO LIFT THE STATE OF SIEGE AND REMOVE PRESS
CENSORSHIP. SEVILLA SACASA HAD NO CLEAR ANSWER.
AMBASSADOR TODMAN MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S
STATEMENT WAS MEANT TO BE BALANCED AND PRESENTED THE BEST
POSITION THE DEPARTMENT COULD TAKE GIVEN THE PRESENT
ATMOSPHERE IN CONGRESS. ON THE BADILLO AMENDMENT,
AMBASSADOR TODMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
WAS NOT FINISHED AND THAT HOPEFULLY THE SENATE WOULD
APPROVE MORE FLEXIBLE LANGUAGE.
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